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Holt county was formed from a portion of the Platte Purchase, and is bounded on the North by Atchison and a portion of Nodaway counties; on the East by Nodaway and Andrew counties; on the South and West by the Missouri river. Its greatest breadth is twenty-two miles, and diminishes to a width of only about three miles at the South end. Its greatest length is about thirty-eight miles. The Nodaway river on the Eastern boundary is navigable at some seasons of the year for flats and small steamers for a short distance above its mouth. The fortieth parallel of North latitude divides the county into nearly equal parts; this parallel is also the dividing line between the States of Kansas and Nebraska, which lie just West of the Missouri river boundary of the county. Holt

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### FACE OF THE COUNTRY.

There are few Western counties more diversified in their surface topography, than is Holt. The bottom lands of Missouri are as level as a parade ground. Standing upon any of the contiguous bluffs, the plain below is spread out like a map, before you. The streams that wind through these bottoms, on their way to the Missouri, may be traced with the eye through their serpentine courses, for miles; while the distant Kansas and Nebraska bluffs form a suitable and truly magnificent back ground. In striking contrast with these immense level plateaus, are the precipitous, rugged and almost mountainous bluffs that bound them. These bluffs are sometimes so abrupt that a team, or indeed a man, may not scale them; in other places the ascent is easy and gradual. Some of them are cut into all manner of fanciful shapes; some are bald and bare; some covered with a dense growth of oak, walnut and other deciduous trees. Back of these bluffs, until you reach the vicinity of the Nodaway river, the county is undulating, but not precipitous. Scarcely an acre is too steep for cultivation; not an acre but has enough surface inclination to secure drainage. As you approach the Nodaway river, especially from the center of the county North and South, to the North line, there is a succession of gentle slopes, until you reach the level of the valley of that stream. These slopes give an effect to the scenery seldom equaled, and have been the inducing cause, almost as much as the wonderful fertility of the soil, in building up the thriving settlement known as Whig Valley.

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There are several small Lakes, or rather Bayous from the Missouri River, in the western portion of the county. These Lakes in

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the fall and spring seasons, are the resort of immense flocks of Wild Geese, Swans and other migratory water fowls; they also afford a constant supply of very excellent Fish. Quite extensive fisheries have already been established upon some of them, and more might profitably be. Besides the streams mentioned above, the county is well supplied with spring branches, that furnish an abundance of stock water throughout the upland portion of the county. From this it will be seen that we may reasonably apply to Holt county the term "well-watered." The Bottom portion of the county is not so blessed with springs and brooks; but water can be obtained everywhere by a few feet digging; while the bayous and large streams that flow through it furnish abundance of stock water, within easy distance of every farmer's door, near enough to supply his stock.

### SOIL.

There exist in Holt county three distinct classes of soils. About one-fifth of the county is what is known in the West as "bottom land," and consists of alluvial that has been deposited by the annual overflows of the Missouri. Of this bottom land there are two varieties of soil: First, a silicious alluvial, intermixed with clay and *humus*, or vegetable mould. This is a peculiarly excellent soil, capable of producing immense crops of corn, hemp, tobacco, &c. It is light, friable and easily worked; withstands drouth remarkably well, and is but little injured by wet. The second variety is known, in our local nomenclature, as "gumbo land;" and is a tenacious vegetable mold, that after being soaked with water, cracks in drying, and leaves a field lumpy and difficult to cultivate. This "gumbo," however, is very fertile; and, as it lies over a strata of sand that can be reached, usually, within twelve to fifteen inches, only needs subsoiling to become the very best soil in the bottoms.

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The first mentioned soil is modified, near the bluffs, by a deposit of wash from them that forms what is sometimes called "bottom prairie." Some of these tracts commence near, but above, the foot of the bluffs, and have an inclination toward the river of about one foot in one hundred, and are considered the most desirable lands in the county at present.

Of these bottoms about one-half, or fifteen thousand acres, are subject to annual overflow, which will render them unfit for cultivation until some system of drainage and protection from the annual flood shall be devised and put into operation. Much of this area, it is believed, could be reclaimed at a trifling expense.

Immediately contiguous to these "bottom lands" is a geological formation that is said to be peculiar to Missouri and some portions of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska that adjoin and lie along the Missouri river. This is known as the "bluff formation," and is characterized by Prof. Swallow in his Geological Report, as the "best of all soils." Usually, bluffs are barren, covered but scantily with a thin and unproductive clay soil. Not so Holt county; our bluffs are *beds of marl* varying from fifty to one hundred and fifty feet in depth, and of equal fertility from the surface to the bottom of the formation. These marl beds are perforated with orifices from the surface to the bottom, connecting with each other, and, in the language of Professor Swallow, "constitute the *most thorough system of drainage* imaginable." To illustrate the completeness of this drainage, I will mention the fact that here ice is kept during summer in pits from ten to twenty feet deep, not even lined with boards, simply covered over, and yet is never troubled with water, and its own drippings, if any, are completely removed

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through these tubes and holes that nature has so liberally provided. This bluff formation is exceedingly light and mellow, and is full of all the elements required to sustain vegetable life. It is very friable, and there is probably no soil on earth that, under the plow, becomes more loose and mellow; yet from its superior natural under-drainage it can be worked after a week's rain with but a few hours sunshine. I have seen plows running the first fair day after a three days' steady rain, and the ground was dry enough to work without detriment to the soil. To an Illinois or Indiana farmer, this may seem impossible; but it is true, nevertheless. Professor Swallow describes this soil as "a fine pulverulent, obsoletely stratified mass of light grayish buff siliceous and slightly indurated marl, its color usually variegated with deeper brown stains of oxide of iron." These stains have much the appearance of having been caused by the expectoration of some *salivous* tobacco chewer. It is through these discolorations the orifices referred to above are found to pass. The discolorations are caused by an impregnation of the marl with oxide of iron, alluminum, and carbonate of lime, while the walls of these tubes are composed of calcarious clay-ironstone. Professor Swallow says: "sustained by its *absolutely inexhaustable fertilizing resources*, rest the very best farms \*\*\* of the Missouri valley.

Comparison of chemical analysis of this formation with the loess or bluff formation of the River Rhine, in Germany, establishes a striking coincidence in these widely separated formations.

This bluff formation, from its organic structure and mechanical peculiarity, is, probably, the best fruit soil in the world. Here is drainage, the handiwork of the Creator, more perfect than man can ever devise. No need here of "tubular drains," "tile drains," "mole drains," or any other expensive and troublesome system for conveying off the surface moisture; here it is all prepared beforehand, and more perfectly than human ingenuity can ever hope to prepare soil. This is our choicest fruit soil, and it is the best fruit soil I have ever seen. From its deep impregnation with oxides and

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the supply of fuel for all coming time. I could cite several cases where men of *nerve* have bought tracts of this timbered bluff land and found that their sales of wood, rails and saw-logs had paid for the land, supported their families while it was being cut off, and left them a net profit, sufficient to erect very decent buildings upon it.

About one-fourth of the superficial area of the county is upland rolling prairie. Its soil is the usual black vegetable mould, consisting of the accumulated debris of decayed vegetation, which for centuries has been piled, layer on layer, until it has reached a depth of two or three feet. In this county the vegetable *mould* of the prairie rests on the rich marls of the bluff formation. The result is an absolutely inexhaustable soil. The prairie soil is not a good wheat soil without the addition of some fertilizer rich in *silex*. The *mould* is too rich and fat for small grain. I do not wish to be understood as asserting that the small grains do not succeed in Holt county; on the contrary, I have sufficient evidence that as high as forty bushels of wheat have been produced per acre quite frequently, and that our estimated average yield of small grains is fully equal to the average of most western counties. Still, wheat does not succeed so well as upon a poorer and more silicious soil.

Corn is the staple crop, and yields as well as in any country on earth. I feel entirely safe in placing the average yield per acre, one year with another, at not less than fifty hushels, while, with superior cultivation one hundred bushels may easily be obtained in any ordinarily propitious season. Barley, rye and oats do reasonably well so far as they have been cultivated. Sorghum succeeds most admirably. Our soil is well adapted to the productions of the entire list of garden vegetables. Potatoes are especially fine; indeed, in size and flavor I have nowhere seen them surpassed. The yield, with proper cultivation, will probably reach an average of

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Horses do not do well with us. The reason may be lack of comfortable stables and tame pasture, as some have asserted; or it may be in our climate: whatever the cause, one thing is due to truth, horses are exceedingly liable to disease here—especially “big head” or “stiff complaint.” Mules do better; indeed, they

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Hogs are extensively raised here, and have been remarkably free from disease. Nearly all the improved breeds have been introduced by some one or other of our enterprising farmers. Mr. W. A. McKoy, of the firm of Collins & McKoy, has purchased hogs the present season for shipment. There have been several other buyers in the county, all of whom have bought large lots. From this it will be seen that hog raising must be considered remunerative by our farmers.

### ADAPTABILITY TO FRUIT RAISING.

Fruit raising and orcharding must ultimately become the leading business in Holt county. Her geographical and isothermal position, as well as the peculiar adaptability of her soil to the production of fruits must insure this result. North, Northwest and West lies an immense fertile and soon to be populous country, that, from its lack of protecting timber belts and low average temperature, can never supply its own demand for any but a very few of the most hardy fruits. That country will depend upon Missouri for its supply, and fortunately for us, ours is the first fruit producing county they will strike when coming to Missouri for their supply. The magnitude of our fruit trade, in the future, will become apparent to any one who is aware of the amount of the present demand

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and supply. I have counted twenty wagons in one day passing through a principal street in one of our towns, all loaded with Holt county apples, pears, grapes and peaches, which were on their way to their market on the bleak prairies of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Apples are here a sure crop, and how remunerative my readers may judge when I give them as data for their estimate the fact that from one to two dollars per bushel has been the minimum and maximum of prices for the past five years; the average being about one dollar and fifty cents per bushel. Apples, as I remarked above, are a sure crop; I do not hesitate to say as certain one year with another as any other crop. They are, moreover, superior in quality to a most extraordinary degree. I hear it frequently remarked by Eastern men that varieties with which they have been entirely familiar East, are here so much superior in size and flavor that they no longer are able to recognise them as the fruit they knew at home. Our citizens are entirely aware of the adaptability of our soil and climate for the production of the standard fruits, and are planting orchards at a rate that astonishes our visitors. One gentleman, Mr. Jabez Beaumont, the past season planted one hundred acres of orchard; other gentlemen have planted from ten to forty acres, while nearly every farmer is planting trees by the hundred, and not unfrequently by the thousand.

Peaches are not a sure crop; the same is true of cherries. The former will be successful, say, one crop in four or five; the latter does not seem to take kindly to our soil; though some varieties are tolerably successful. Grapes, especially the Concord, are successful, and are being cultivated to a considerable extent. Catawbas do as well here as almost anywhere else; but results have not been such, with them, as to give much encouragement for their culture. Several other varieties do well. All the small fruits have been pronounced successful with our Horticulturists. But there are other localities where fruit culture is entirely successful! True.

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after it was in roasting ear, *and yet he harvested more than an average half crop of corn.* Our farmers assert that with one good rain in May or June, and a light rain in August, they can make full average crops, although not another drop of rain falls. I am aware that this will seem to Eastern men an exaggeration. I know the same drouth that would leave Eastern States desolate would not be noticed here; I also know that the facts are as I have stated them, and every farmer who has lived one year in the county will bear me out in the statement. It will be difficult to find, anywhere, a soil so capable of resisting the extremes of moisture as that of the counties of the Platte Purchase. In some of the Western States, every few seasons, wet weather comes in to destroy the harvests of the farmer. We are equally able to laugh at "wet seasons" as at dry—for our soil is so porous that whenever the rain ceases to fall, even for a few hours, we can start the plow.

### HEALTH, CLIMATE, &c.

No climate, or country, can much exceed ours in healthfulness, if we except the River bottoms where malarious diseases do, and probably always will, prevail to a greater or lesser extent. Our atmosphere is pure, dry and invigorating. Pulmonary diseases are almost unknown; indeed it is doubtful whether a genuine case of pulmonary consumption ever originated here.

The average mean temperature at Oregon, our county seat, is about 52° Fah.; the mercury seldom falling below 0. High winds are prevalent during the fall and winter, principally from a West-erly direction. During the hot season an almost constant South wind blows, which is exceedingly agreeable. Altogether our climate is as good as can be found anywhere in this latitude between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

There is one peculiarity of our atmosphere to which may be attributed, in some extent, our success in fruit culture; its extreme

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aridity renders the frosts of the latter weeks of spring comparatively harmless. Last spring we had a heavy frost, and considerable ice was formed while peach trees were in full bloom, and persons unacquainted with our climate were mourning over our ruined fruit prospects. Last fall we had an abundant crop of peaches, the late frost had scarcely thinned them. It has been remarked that "generally, when the temperature is in condition to produce frost here everything is dry enough to crack to pieces." The result of this peculiarity of our climate may be seen in the almost absolute certainty of our apple and pear crops.

### MARKETS.

Our geographical position renders us peculiarly fortunate in regard to market facilities. The Missouri River affords us ready and cheap transportation to the markets of the South. The St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad, connecting St. Louis and Omaha, opens to us the markets of the great plains and the mining territories West of the Rocky Mountains. Usually our Western is our best market, but we are so situated that we can avail ourselves readily of either Western, Eastern or Southern demands for our products. St. Joseph, one of the most thriving and enterprising cities in the West, is within three hours by rail of the extreme Northern portion of Holt county, and is the distributing depot for most of our surplus products, as well as the point at which our retail dealers obtain most of their supplies. Produce of all kinds has not unfrequently commanded double the price at St. Joseph of Chicago quotations for the same days. The reason being that St. Joseph has been, and still is, largely engaged in the Mountain trade. At no time during the past five years have the cereals rated so low here as on the Mississippi and Western Lakes. Thus, while we raise as large crops as any portion of the West we always get a little higher price for them than our neighbors further East.

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## SOCIETY.

I am aware that many persons East are afraid to venture into Missouri, lest the society should not prove congenial. Especially is this true since the close of the war; many persons supposing that we are still in a condition of anarchy, and that life and property are held by a somewhat precarious tenure. No idea could be more erroneous. Holt county, from its contiguity to Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, was scarcely visited by the contending parties, and is now, and since the spring of 1865, has been as safe as any portion of Illinois; indeed, there is more safety to person and property, and I might add more loyalty in the county than in some portions of that State. By reference to the paragraph on "Churches and Schools," in another portion of this pamphlet, it will be observed that our citizens take a lively interest in religion and education.—We are about as far from heathenism as the people of any other portion of the West; have good schools; an educated clergy; library associations, and all the usual adjuncts of good society—and why should we not have? Five-sixths of our population are from the older States, more than three-fifths from the enlightened North and East. The population is not an old and effete one. It is composed of the energy, the enterprise and the intelligence, to no inconsiderable extent, of the East. Shiftless men—men of no energy—seldom emigrate. They are content with the sterile fields their fathers ploughed. The *vim* and *go-aheadativeness* of the older States is not contented with the old ways; they seek new homes where by the labor of their own hands, aided and directed by their own intelligence, fortunes may be carved out, honors and positions won. Of this class is Holt county largely composed. This class, of itself, is good society. We have it; hence we have no hesitancy in asserting that we have good society.

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## MILLS AND MANUFACTORIES.

One of our great needs in this county is good flouring mills. We have, at present, but five in the county to supply our population of over ten thousand. Three of these are small but first class mills, two second class. There are ten or twelve saw mills in the county which find no difficulty in disposing of all the lumber they are capable of cutting. As nearly one-third of our county's area is timbered, and no inconsiderable portion covered with a dense growth of cottonwood, walnut and oak of the finest quality, they have no difficulty in obtaining an ample supply of logs. We have one Woollen Manufactory which turns out a good article of cloth, but in too limited a quantity to supply more than a moiety of the demand. We need more mills and manufactories of all kinds. An agricultural implement manufactory is especially needed, and there can be no doubt that it would prove, if properly managed, highly remunerative. We have good timber and fine water power to supply a large number of manufactories.

## COAL.

Professor Swallow in his Geological report, assigns to Holt county a position in the coal measures of Missouri, and expresses the opinion that all the workable coal beds of the State may be found here. No workable coal veins, however, have as yet been discovered, although at several points in the county there are surface indications which would seem to promise favorable results to the prospector. The readiness with which wood for fuel has heretofore been obtained has retarded the investigation of our coal fields.

## BUILDING MATERIALS, FENCING, &c.

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stone has been tested, and is proven to be durable and easily worked. Our clays suitable for brick, are not abundant, although at several points in the county a fair article of brick has been produced. Brick yards are much needed in the county, and would pay well at any of our towns or villages. For fencing, rails are mostly used, although since the completion of the St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad through the county, pine fencing is being introduced, and is sold at prices which induce its use to some extent. Osage Orange Hedges are being tried, and promise to succeed well if care is taken to protect them from the gopher. Cottonwood and oak lumber is cheap and abundant, and is much used for fencing, out-buildings, &c. Pine or walnut lumber is usually obtained for residences and business houses. Walnut is abundant and cheap, and pine sells at a fair price along the Railroad.

### PRICES OF REAL ESTATE.

Improved farms have advanced in value very much within the past year, owing principally to the completion of our Railroad. Improved farms sell at prices ranging from fifteen to sixty dollars per acre, the latter price being for well improved farms eligibly located, and containing good bearing orchards of choice fruit. The average price would probably not much exceed twenty dollars per acre for fair western improvements. Unimproved land can be obtained at prices ranging at from four to thirty dollars, according to character and location. There is in the Northern and Eastern portions of the county a large body of comparatively unsettled prairie land, as good soil, and as well watered as could be desired, that is held at about seven dollars per acre for those tracts most easily accessible to timber, and from that graduating downward to the minimum price of about four dollars per acre. These lands are most generally owned by non-residents, but are almost universally in the hands of Holt County Agents, for sale. The titles in almost

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every case, are perfect. For fuller information in regard to Holt County lands, reference may be had to any of the Real Estate dealers, whose cards appear in this pamphlet.

## TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

### OREGON.

Oregon is the Seat of Justice or County Town of Holt County. It contains, according to the report of the County Assesor—who, under our Statntes must take the census every tenth year—1715 inhabitants. Oregon is the largest town in the county, and is noted for the beauty of its location. It contains seven Dry Goods Stores, two Drug Stores, two Grocery Stores, one Hardware Store, one Tin and Stove Store, one Boot and Sho Store, two Merchant Tailors, one Confectionery Store, one Jeweler, two Hotels, three Millinery Stores, one Saloon, one Billiard Hall without bar, six Physicians, eight Attorneys, four Real Estate Dealers, one firm of Brokers, one Dentist, one Photograph Gallery, one Butcher, two Wagon Makers, five Blacksmith Shops, two Cabinet Makers, two Shoe-maker Shops, one Barber Shop, two Harness Makers; and a number of skillful Mechanics of various trades.

The Public Buildings are a very fair Court House, built of brick, two stories high, containing a large Court room and rooms for the various County Offices. The Court House is surrounded by a small but exceedingly fine Park, which is enclosed, and contains over forty varieties of native trees and evergreens. This Park is the pride of the town, and is well worthy to be proud of, as there is not such another in North-west Missouri. The other public buildings are a commodious Brick School House, containing four large school rooms; four Church Edifices, and a Masonic and Odd Fellows Hall. The First Presbyterian Church is a neat brick edifice of a plain and unpretending style of architecture. The Methodists have just erect-

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
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ed—have not yet entirely completed—a large and elegant building for their congregation; which, when completed, will be the finest Church building in the county. The German Methodists have a small but fine looking and substantial Brick Church and Parsonage. The Baptists and Reformers are also the joint owners of a plain but commodious and substantial Brick House of worship.

Masonic Hall and Odd Fellows Hall occupy each one-half of the third story of an elegant Brick Block, known as Masonic Block, the first floor of which is occupied by Stores, and the second by business offices.

Oregon has good District Schools a considerable portion of the year, and private Schools during the remainder. Also one Private Select School, which is under superior management. Here also are located the grounds of the Holt County Agricultural and Mechanical Association. The grounds contain ten acres, and are enclosed by a substantial pine close fence; and when put in order, will doubtless be one of the most attractive Fair Grounds in the North-west.

Oregon is noted for the great number of fruit trees, with which almost every private enclosure is filled, giving it the appearance of being built in an orchard. This gives the town a peculiarly attractive appearance.

The trade of Oregon is considerable, and constantly increasing. Although located two miles from the Railroad, it will soon have an almost level road connecting it with Mackoy's Elevator, on the Railroad, when its facilities for trade will be greatly increased. This Elevator, which is now being erected, is the first one ever erected in North-west Missouri. It has a sheller capable of shelling 1,500 bushels of corn daily; will have storage capacity when completed, for the storage of 25,000 bushels of grain. The Engine which drives the machinery is of 25 horse power, and is a superior

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piece of machinery. The arrangements for guarding against fire, will be very complete, there being reservoirs for holding an ample supply of water, and one double self-acting force pump to project a stream over the building. In connection with the Elevator is a Burr for cracking; corn for hog feed; and yards for the fattening of 4,000 head of hogs annually. This Elevator, though two miles distant from Oregon, is emphatically an Oregon enterprise, and therefore is inserted here.

The society of Oregon is good, better indeed than in the average of Western towns. For healthfulness, it cannot be surpassed. The water is good and abundant. Property held at reasonable rates, though rents are somewhat high, owing to the scarcity of tenement houses. Some man of capital would find it an exceedingly profitable enterprise to erect a number of cheap but comfortable houses to rent. Before dismissing Oregon, I must not fail to mention the


#### HOLT COUNTY SENTINEL.

Which is published here by C. W. BOWMAN, Esq. The SENTINEL is a twenty-eight column Weekly, full to repletion of interesting local and general matter, and is a most excellent medium through which persons so desiring may become acquainted with the county. The SENTINEL is one of the neatest papers in its mechanical execution, in Missouri, and deserves the very liberal patronage it is receiving. Persons at a distance who desire to know more of the County, will do well to send for it. Its circulation is large, and it is now the only paper published in the County. Its advertising card will be found on the first page of this Pamphlet.

The citizens of Oregon have just organized a Library Association and Historical Society. Funds have been raised to purchase Books enough to form the nucleus of a Library, and the organization is so far completed as to ensure its permanency and success.

## BIGELOW LOTS FOR SALE.

Bigelow is one of the most promising new Towns on the Saint Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad. Now is the time to buy lots.

 Persons who want to locate and improve lots are invited to apply to

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The Historical Society will devote especial attention to the collection of facts and incidents in the early history of Holt County and North-west Missouri, while not neglecting every thing pertaining to the history of our State, which it may be able to obtain.

The Masons have fine working Lodges in the several degrees of that Order, up to the Royal Arch Degree, and own their spacious and elegant Hall.

The Odd Fellows also have an efficient working organization, and have a well furnished and spacious Hall in Masonic Block, which they own.

### FOREST CITY.

The Author is indebted to GEO. WEBER, Esq., Post Master at Forest City, for the following description of that enterprising town in importance and population in the county :

In the year 1857 a company of enterprising gentlemen purchased a tract of land on the west boundary of Holt County, adjoining the Missouri river, for the purpose of laying out a town site. Roads were already in existence leading from the point selected in all directions and to every important settlement in the county. These roads in connection with the Missouri river which here afforded a good landing, lead the company to expect that their town once started would soon control a large portion of the produce trade of the county. With this view the tract of land was surveyed and the first lot sale took place on the 15th day of May, 1857. Forest City was in existence—stores and dwellings sprung up rapidly, and the expectations of the company were more than realized. Forest City became at once the mart for the principal part of the produce of the county, Hundreds of waggons brought in the hemp and corn raised in every neighborhood, and no obstacle seemed likely to prevent Forest City from becoming one of the leading trading points in North West Missouri. The rebellion broke out ;

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it had here as everywhere else where it was a reality, a blighting effect; it had this effect on Forest City. Two fifths of the original inhabitants of Holt county were in sympathy with the rebellion, the most of these left the county during that period but few of whom have ever returned; whilst the majority of the able bodied Union men were enlisted in the Union armies. Agriculture was neglected—trade was nominal; and as the county did not improve, certainly the towns could not prosper. But the war ended, trade slowly revived and Forest City began to resume her old place in the trade. Now the railroad from St. Joseph to Council Bluffs is completed running through Forest City, and has opened for us and brought us in connection with two of the best markets in the United States, during every season of the year: further, it has opened for us the Great West.

Hemp has been exchanged for grain, pork and cattle, and where in former years one firm doing business here bought and sold two hundred tons of hemp in one year, now, during the past year one hundred and fifty thousand bushels of grain and over five thousand hogs have been shipped North, South and West from this point.

Forest City contains at present between six and seven hundred inhabitants. Amongst its prominent public buildings may be enumerate 1 one Church—Baptist—one Public School House, ten Stores, one fine Steam Grist Mill, one Steam Saw Mill, two Hotels, two Blacksmith Shops, and some of the finest private residences in the County. Divine Services and Sabbath Schools every Sabbath, speak well for the morals; and a fine Public Library, consisting of a choice selection of about two hundred volumes for the social culture; while the Public Improvements made by the efficient City Government of the enterprise of the citizens of Forest City.

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**D. P. BALLARD,**  
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### MOUND CITY.

This Village is located near the centre of the county and three and a half miles from the St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad. It is surrounded by an exceedingly fertile region of country which is well watered and affords an abundant supply of timber at no great distance. The Village is situated at the foot of the Bluff, on one side is a crescent shaped bottom, on the other fine rolling Prairies. The road from White Cloud, Kansas, to Marysville, the county seat of Nodaway county passes through the Village.

Lands in the vicinity range in value from five to twenty-five dollars for unimproved and from twelve to thirty dollars per acre for improved.

Mound City has a population of about 150. It contains two general Stores, one Cabinet Shop, three Blacksmith Shops, one Mil-liner, three Doctors, one Lawyer, one Hotel and one School House. The Methodists, Reformers, and Baptists have each a Church organization. A Flouring and Saw Mill, and Carding Machine are in contemplation. It is also in contemplation to erect a good High School Building, and two Church edifices immediately.

Mound City needs a good Harness and Saddle maker; also a Shoe maker. Lots range in value from ten to twenty-five dollars. The location is considered healthy, and the character of the present population is unexceptionable. Information in regard to lands in that vicinity may be obtained by addressing D. P. BALLARD, Esq., who will, I have no doubt, cheerfully impart any desired information.

### BIGELOW.

Bigelow is a new town of only a few months' growth. It is located on the line of the St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad, three and a half miles West of Mound City, and eleven miles North of Forest City. It is on a level bottom prairie, with an abundance

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of excellent timber in the immediate neighborhood. The adjacent country is as fertile as any portion of the West, and when properly developed must of itself give Bigelow an important position among the towns of Holt County. Bigelow is the nearest station on the Railroad to Whig Valley, in Holt County, and the South-western portion of Nodaway County, including the town of Graham; also to Falls City and Rulo in Nebraska. Bigelow was laid out in October, 1868, and has already grown to quite respectable dimensions. A good Hotel has been erected. There are also two general Stores, a Livery Stable, Saloon, and some twelve or fourteen dwelling houses. All kinds of Mechanics would do well here, among which the following are especially needed: A Cabinet Maker, a Tinner, a Harness Maker, Blacksmith, Shoe Maker, and Tailor. This town being surrounded by a well populated county, presents a good opening for almost any kind of business. There are two fine Saw Mills in the immediate vicinity.

### CRAIG.

Craig is another of the thriving new towns that have sprung up, as if by magic, on the line of the St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad. It was laid out a few weeks after Bigelow, at a point between the two Tarkios, nine miles above Bigelow, and some four or five miles from the North line of the County.

The location in some respects is the most desirable of any of the new Railroad towns in the County. West, South-west and North-west is a fine, fertile and well settled portion of the Missouri bottom. The two Tarkios emerge from the bluffs, and enter the bottom in the immediate vicinity, and the valleys of both are settling up with unexampled rapidity. These settlements are connected with Craig by excellent roads. The town is in the bottom, but at a point not subject to the annual overflows, while near enough for town purposes, for private residences on the bluffs at a point


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(See advertisement, page 18 of this pamphlet.)

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## THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FOREST CITY, MO.

Meets for worship at their Meeting House, on Grand Avenue, on the First and Third Sundays in each month, at 10½ A. M. Sabbath School every Lord's day at 9 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

 All are cordially invited to attend.

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easily accessible. From the bluff at Craig, there is a magnificent view of the bottom for miles, and of portions of Kansas and Nebraska. Craig has two general Stores, one Hotel, one Blacksmith Shop, one Saloon, one Harness Maker, and a number of other Mechanics. Another Hotel and several business houses are now in process of erection, or under contract. Eighteen buildings have already been erected, and more than that number in addition are under contract. It is believed that Craig, from the character of the surrounding country, must at no distant day, become one of the most important towns in the county. All kinds of Mechanics can find employment here, and the immigrant will find good soil, good water, and plenty of good timber contiguous.

There is a fine Flouring and Saw Mill nearly completed, within two and a half miles of Craig, owned by C. M. GUILLIAMS, Esq. This Mill, in all its appointments, is first class, and will be of much value to the neighborhood.

### CORNING.

Corning is the most Northern town in Holt County, and is also one of our new Railroad towns. It has in addition to its Railroad facilities, a good river landing, which gives to it many advantages as a shipping point. Corning is just South of the North line of the County, six miles North of Craig. The adjacent country is settled principally by Germans, who are noted for their thrift and energy. Some of the wealthiest citizens of Holt County are German farmers in this vicinity. Corning will be the chief trading point for a considerable district in the Northern portion of Holt County, and also for Irish and English Groves, and Fancy Bottom, in Atchison County. Corning was laid out in the Fall of 1868, and is less than six months old; yet it already is doing a large and remunerative business. It contains some twenty buildings, among which may be enumerated one Hotel, three Dry Goods Stores, a Saddle, Harness

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and Shoe Shop, Depot, and a number of substantial dwellings. It has a large Lumber Yard, Stock Yards, &c.

There will be a large amount of building done here during the present Summer, and the friends of the town believe that it will at no distant day become one of the leading shipping points on the Railroad. All kinds of Mechanics are needed, and would find profitable employment. The location is flat, as are all the towns along the line of the road in this County, except Forest City, but is entirely above high water. The character of the population of the adjoining country is good.

#### FORBES.

Forbes is the name of a Station on the Railroad, in the Southern portion of the County. No town has been laid out here, as yet; but from the fact that North of this point is a fertile and well settled country, it is not unlikely that quite a village will one day spring up here. For fruit raising, no portion of Holt County offers better inducements than does the vicinity of Forbes.

#### RICHVILLE.

This is an old village, six miles East of Oregon. It contains one Store, a Church building, owned by the Methodists; and perhaps half a dozen residences. The adjoining country is populous and fertile.

#### WHIG VALLEY.

Whig Valley is the name of a settlement in the North-eastern portion of Holt County, and is one of the most attractive settlements in the North-west. The population is intelligent and enterprising to an extraordinary degree, while the soil, surface, topography and general advantages are all that could be desired. Several Schools are in operation. A Farmers' Club holds regular meetings, and Church organizations exist, which hold weekly meetings for

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worship. This neighborhood is mostly rolling prairie, and its only disadvantage is scarcity of timber. Coal, however, has been discovered near by, in Nodaway County, and it is believed will be found in Whig Valley. This Valley lies along the Nodaway river, which separates Holt and Nodaway counties. This stream is here a fine, clear, rapid stream, and will afford an unlimited amount of water power.

A Railroad is in contemplation from Oregon up the Nodaway valley, through this Settlement; thence North to Clarinda, Iowa. This Road when completed, would open up to trade one of the richest valleys in the West, if not in the world. From Whig Valley Northward it would pass through important coal fields, and through considerable bodies of fine timber. Whig Valley is well watered. Indeed, I doubt if one quarter section can be found in the neighborhood without one or more living springs.

The population of this Valley has more than doubled during the past year, and from present indications the increase will continue for years to come. Lands in this vicinity unimproved, are worth from ten to twelve dollars per acre. Improved farms are hard to buy at any price.

#### FACILITIES FOR WATER TRANSPORTATION.

While the Western and South-western boundary of our County for about forty miles, is washed by the Missouri river, yet owing to the fact that the wide alluvial bottom of that stream is on the Eastern side at this point, we have but three steamboat landings; and they, on account of the frequent changes in the channel of the stream, are somewhat uncertain. There is a landing in the neighborhood of Dallas, in the South part of the County; one at a point opposite Iowa Point, Kansas; one opposite White Cloud, Kansas; and one at or near Corning. The Iowa Point landing affords facilities for transportation to the region of country adjacent to Oregon, from which it is some six miles distant. White Cloud landing is


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near enough to Forest City and Rush Bottom to afford them ample facilities for the shipment of freight. These river landings give competition in the carrying trade, and are of great advantage to our farmers and business men.

The Missouri river has not been considered a good stream for navigating, in the past. It is full of shoals; and the quick-sands, of which its bed is composed, are constantly shifting. The channel in consequence is exceedingly uncertain and dangerous; but since the settlement of the Territories West of us, and the greater number of boats that are demanded in the carrying trade, the channel seems to be improving, and river men predict that it will continue to improve. So that we may hope with each succeeding year to derive increased benefits from our position in relation to it.

### CHURCHES.

The religious element in our society is quite strong. Most of the denominations known to the Christian world, have representatives here. It is probable that the North Methodist—so called here to distinguish them from the Methodist Church South—has the largest number of communicants, though there is but little difference in point of numbers between them and the Baptist.

The Methodists have two Circuits in the County, embracing a membership of about four hundred and fifty persons. They have fourteen points where preaching is kept up regularly. They own two Church buildings, the aggregate value of which is \$11,000; also one Parsonage, valued at \$800. This denomination has been increasing very rapidly since the war.

The Baptists have six or seven regularly organized congregations in the County, with a membership about the same as the Methodists. They own two good, substantial brick Churches, one at Forest City and one at Nichol's Grove, and are part proprietors of one other. Most of the congregations have been organized since

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the close of the war, under the efforts of Rev. G. W. HUNTLEY, of Forest City, who has been unremitting in his labors, since he came to the County, some two years since.

The Methodist Church South have small congregations, at one or two points in the County.

The Presbyterians have an active organization at Oregon and Forest City; at the former point they own a good Church edifice, and have a large membership.

The German Methodists have an active organization in the County, and own two substantial brick Churches and at least one Parsonage. I have been unable to obtain any statistics of their organization, but presume they are but little inferior in numbers to any of the other denominations.

The Reformers or Christians have large membership in the County, and a number of places where preaching is held regularly. They are part owners of one good Church building.

There are several other denominations in the County, who are organized and doing good work, but I have not been able to obtain the necessary information to give the facts in regard to them, and therefore must pass them.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Good Sabbath Schools are in operation in almost every school district, under the control, in many cases, of Union Superintendents—that is, the different denominations unite in their support. In the larger towns, the different denominations control their own schools. Our people are as moral and free from rowdyism as any people in the West. Gambling, horse-racing and drunkenness are not common, while the rights of property and of conscience are respected. I think I have heard less profanity in our County town during a three years' residence, than in any town of its size I have

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ever known ; while I have never heard of an individual who has lost his money there by gaming.

### SCHOOLS.

Missouri has but recently adopted the System of Public Schools in use throughout the Eastern States, and our people are as yet to some extent unfamiliar with its workings. The School System, however, is becoming better known each year, and is therefore constantly growing more effective as a means for the education of our people.

In 1867, there was paid to Teachers in the County, seven thousand, nine hundred and thirteen dollars ; while two thousand, six hundred dollars were expended in the building and repairing of School Houses. The average salary paid to Teachers this year, is \$31.00 per month—male Teachers averaging \$41.00, and females about \$15.00. We have now School Houses in almost every School District in the County. The majority of these are not all that could be desired in point of convenience, being old and dilapidated, but new and good School Houses are being erected, and the disposition seems to be to have good Schools as soon as proper buildings can be erected.

We have a class of excellent Teachers in this County, many of whom have adopted Teaching as a profession. Some of our Teachers are equal to the requirements of the best grade of Eastern Public Schools. The School term here is only about four months for the free Public School, each year. Some Districts, however, levy tax, and continue their Schools for a longer period. Good Private Schools are common during the period of vacation of the Public Schools. We have one very excellent Private Select School at Oregon, which it is hoped will prove the nucleus for a first class educational institution at no distant day. The interest in Education is constantly increasing, and at no remote period our Schools will

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be as good as in any part of the nation. Teachers' Institutes are held semi-annually, and much interest is manifested among Parents and Teachers, in regard to them. No person need hesitate to come here on account of School privileges, as the foundation for a good English education can be laid here now, and the Schools will continue to improve from year to year, until they will be equal to the East, at no distant day.

### OUR POPULATION.

Holt County contains a population of 10,624, as shown by the census taken by our Assessor, last Fall. We have a mixed population. There are a few native Missourians, and persons who immigrated here from the Southern States before the war; this class however, is small. A majority of our population are from the Eastern States—i. e. from States East of Missouri. We have also a large German element in our population. These Germans are principally Farmers, and are as industrious, sober and enterprising as any people we have. The political complexion of the County is Republican by a large majority. No indication of proscription, however, is manifested in private life, so far as I have been able to observe. We have a few colored persons in the County, but not more than may often be seen in Eastern counties of the same population. They are generally quiet, industrious and inoffensive. They have one School at Oregon, in this County. We have very little of the rough elements of frontier life in our population; some little, perhaps, in some of our river bottom settlements, yet less than usual in so comparatively new a country. Our people are principally engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits, and are emphatically an industrious and sober people.

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### WAGES OF LABORERS.

It is difficult to give the exact rate of wages in any new country, so many circumstances conspire to prevent uniformity. Common farm laborers vary from eighteen to thirty five dollars per month. I presume the average will not vary much from thirty dollars "wet and dry," including board and washing. Day labor is more uniform, one dollar and fifty cents per day being the usual price for good hands. Mill hands get from one dollar fifty to two fifty, according to their experience. Wood choppers during the winter months are in demand and get from one dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents per cord, they furnishing their own board and lodging. Mechanics are better paid of course, and in nearly every trade can find abundant and steady employment at fair wages. From two fifty to three dollars per day is the usual rate at which carpenter work is paid by the day, though most mechanical labor is done by the job or contract. Board can be obtained at either of the Hotels in Oregon for four dollars per week, and good country board for from two fifty to three dollars.

Labor of all kinds is in demand on account of the very considerable immigration now coming in, and it is believed that prices of labor will rule higher the coming season than heretofore.

I shall not attempt to give the wages of the different mechanical occupations, as they fluctuate constantly as the supply and demand diminishes and increases.

### RENT OF LAND.

Land is rented here usually for grain rent, and one third of the grain raised is the usual rate. Some owners of farms demand a certain number of bushels per acre as rent, usually fifteen bushels of corn. Persons who desire to rent farms must come in the fall, as long before spring the demand is so great that the season's engagements are all made.

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### ROADS.

Holt County has neither McAdamized or Plank Roads, and perhaps in no country in the world are they less needed. The underdrainage is so nearly perfect that the roads at almost every season of the year, are good. Nothing but frost will ever produce mud. I have seen the roads dry everywhere, after a three days' rain, on the second fair day. We only need to have our roads graded to make them the most perfect natural roads in the world. Our roads during the late civil war were sadly neglected, bridges became out of repair, and deep gullies were washed in almost every hillside; but since the advent of peace they have been gradually repaired, until they are in fair condition. We have good material for McAdamizing wherever the travel will warrant it. There is at the foot of the Missouri bluffs at many points, a layer of excellent coarse gravel which is well adapted for all road purposes; while we have an abundance of stone easily broken when first taken from the quarry, but which become hard, after exposure; and makes a most excellent road bed. We have no mirey sloughs such as are found in many parts of the West, and which during the Spring months make travel a terror to the traveler. Our spring branches may in their floods cut out deep gullies in our friable soil, but never get mirey.

### HOLT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

During the past year an Agricultural and Mechanical Society has been organized, and last Fall held their first Fair, at their Grounds near Oregon. The Exhibition was a success, and the Society became permanently established. They own fine Grounds, and during the present season expect to erect good and permanent Exhibition Halls. This is a joint stock Association, and the majority of our best and most substantial Farmers are among its

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### WANTS OF HOLT COUNTY.

It is not claimed for Holt County that it has no disadvantages. It must be remembered that even Eden possessed a forbidden tree, and that the Serpent found an entrance. How then can we expect to find a country since Adam's expulsion from Paradise, that is perfect?

The North-eastern portions of this County are to a considerable extent, destitute of timber. In some places, fire wood will have to be hauled seven or eight miles, to supply any considerable demand. Fortunately those portions of the County destitute of timber are not distant from the coal mines of Nodaway County, and must eventually be supplied with fuel from these. Fencing material, of course, in the section referred to, is scarce, and the lack must be supplied by hedges. Fortunately we have the Osage Orange, which with proper care is all that could be desired. We have several thousand acres of uncultivated lands that want men to buy and improve them. We have Mill Sites that are unoccupied on all our streams that want improvements to be made upon them. We have Farmers who are attempting to cultivate three acres where they have only capacity for the proper cultivation of one. We want men to buy them out, and divide these plantations into smaller and more manageable farms.



We have no need of Doctors or Lawyers; already those professions are over crowded, yet men of real ability could succeed here, as they can anywhere. We have good Physicians, however, and a healthy country, while our Attorneys are up to the standard. We need especially more Flouring Mills. Now a considerable portion of our breadstuffs must be brought in from other States. We raise an abundance of grain, which is shipped to distant markets, worked up, and shipped back to us. This expensive operation should be discontinued, and must be, at no distant day. We need a manufactory of Agricultural Implements. Every Plow, Roller, Corn Planter, or Reaper, used in the County, is now brought from distant States. But, it will be asked, will it pay to manufacture in Holt County? Page County, Iowa, is nearly destitute of timber, has no Railroad facilities or river transportation, and with no greater population than ours. Agricultural Implements are manufactured there, and it is found to pay. Holt County has an abundance of excellent white, burr and chinque-pin oak, excellently well adapted to the manufacture of Agricultural Machinery. We have a Railroad and river to bring to us the iron and steel, and to convey to distant markets our manufactured articles. I can see no good reason why money could not be made by an Agricultural Implement manufactory located here.

We need Brick makers. At quite a number of points in the County, Brick Yards would pay.

We need, in short, earnest, honest, industrious men in all the avocations of life; men who are not afraid of work; men who will take hold of the plow and not look back; men who will swing the axe and use the spade, without fear that by so doing they will soil their hands or degrade their manhood. We want true men, true women; men and women of generous impulses, noble aspirations. For all

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Skillful workmen of every mechanical occupation, are needed. They can earn good livings here, and if economical and industrious, may soon secure for themselves homes among us.

### HOW TO GET HERE.

Those who live in the States directly East will have the choice of three routes, in immigrating to Missouri. From the Southern portions of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. the best route is via St. Louis, and the North Missouri Railroad to Macon City; thence by the Hannibal & St Joseph Railroad to St. Joseph; there close connection is made with the St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad, which runs through Holt County. From the Northern and Eastern States, there are two routes open, one via Chicago, and thence over the C. B. & Q. Railroad to Hannibal, and over the Han. & St. Joseph Railroad to St. Joseph. Or, via the Great Western Railroad to Quincy, thence over the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad to St. Joseph. From Iowa, Minnesota, or Wisconsin, the route will be over the North-western Road to Council Bluffs, thence over the Council Bluffs Railroad to any of the Stations in Holt County. The Railroads referred to are all first class, and make close connections. The fare to St. Joseph from any point East can be ascertained at any Railroad Station; and from St. Joseph to Forest City in Holt County, it is but one dollar and fifty cents.

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Fortunes cannot be made in Holt County without labor or capital. Men who do work, or who will make ordinarily judicious investments of their capital, will find no difficulty in making money. Our County has increased in population about one hundred per cent during the past two years, and the increase will doubtless be equal or greater, during the next two years. Lands will increase in value in the same ratio. Men who buy ten dollar lands this Spring may confidently rely on an appreciation to fifteen or twenty during the next two years.

Town property in almost any of our towns will probably increase in the same ratio with farming lands. We have no town in Holt County to-day that is not behind the country, i. e. the County is populous enough to support double the population now in each of the towns of the County.

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MR. FRAME will publish a first class paper, under the title of the "HOLT COUNTY JOURNAL." It will be Democratic in politics. MR. FRAME is an old newspaper manager and will without doubt make his *Journal* a success. He promises to devote a great deal of his space to the local interests of the county. This enterprise will be of great value to Forest City as well as to the county at large, and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage.

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AN OMISSION.—In the advertisement of Messrs. Bender & Markle, in another portion of this pamphlet, the location of the firm was omitted. They will be found on Felix Street, opposite the St. Joseph Daily Union Office, St. Joseph, Mo.

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## A CHANGE OF FIRM.

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Since this pamphlet has been in press a change has occurred in the proprietorship of

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A. N. RULY, is now sole Editor and Proprietor.

The Sentinel will continue as heretofore an exponent of sound Radical doctrines.

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I shall endeavor to do the same work with the same degree of faithfulness and accuracy for each of the Counties of the Platte Purchase.

My next Pamphlet will be for Andrew County, and will consist of a Pamphlet uniform with this, of not less than forty pages, and I will print at least twenty-five hundred copies. These copies will be circulated among my advertisers, and among the people of that County. This will be a better medium for advertising in Andrew County for a single edition, than any other that now exists. I shall have for sale copies of each of my Pamphlets, which I will mail to any address, on receipt of twenty cents. Or will furnish ten or more copies to one address for fifteen cents each. Persons desiring to insert advertisements, will address for terms:

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